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Dear EPA,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Underground Injection Control Program's Draft Permits for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine and Deep Disposal Wells.

The proposed mine and deep disposal wells are in an area that is documented to have faults, fractures, breccia pipes, and over 7000 old boreholes that have not been properly plugged. It will be impossible to contain mining fluids or waste liquids, and contamination of groundwater resources is very likely.

I am also concerned that adequate oversight of the quality of liquid wastes pumped into the Minnelusa Formation through the proposed deep disposal wells will be inadequate, and groundwater is likely to be contaminated.

A full survey of cultural and historical sites is needed before mining or deep disposal is allowed. Cultural and historical sites must be protected.

The history of uranium mining indicates that uranium mining cannot be done without creating and leaving contamination. Groundwater has never been returned to its original condition at any In-Situ leach uranium mine in the U.S. These permits should not be issued until it can be demonstrated that groundwater resources will be protected,

Every month I receive requests from various Native American organizations requesting financial aid. And EVERY ONE of them includes a personal request for money to purchase drinking water that they should have access to on their own lands. Yet those waters are contaminated because of the uranium mining activities of corporations that took what they wanted and destroyed the rest!

There IS NO WAY to clean up aquifers underground. Once contaminated they stay that way! There is no geologist in his right mind that values his job or his life that will confirm that any underground aquifer will not be breached and release contamination into surrounding aquifers or groundwater supplies! Likewise they cannot be protected from becoming contaminated by adjacent aquifers. Any such mining company telling you otherwise is lying to your face! And so are their geologists and mining experts. They are there to make money, no matter how many lies it takes.

Your job is to shut them down! I have been to Mt. Rushmore and the Black Hills many times. These are sacred grounds. And thousands of people depend on these aquifers for life! The mining company does not! So you must ask yourself which is more important? The lives of the people and their jobs that depend on the aquifers, or the greed of a mining company that knows no limits? How good is your moral compass? By the way, my degree is EES with concentrations in geology! I grew up in NE and traveled the Midwest frequently so I know the people and the land!

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